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May 17, 1966

Prof. Dr. Otto Schneid
48 Laurelcrest Avenue
Downsview, Ontario
Canada

Dear Dr. Schneid:

Mrs. Morse and I wish to thank you for sending me a copy of "Pioneer Art Manifesto No. 1". Even though I am not an artist, I can see the great beauty and vitality of your paintings and sculpture. They are truly magnificent.

Since we are about the same age, it was interesting to me to compare the biographical facts of your life with my own activities of the corresponding periods, and to see how we both have devoted our energies and endowments toward the making of a better world; -you in the fields of art and philosophical writing, and I in the pragmatic area of politics, endeavoring to translate the aspirations of men into legislative action. Any contributions which I have been able to make will be lost in the shuffle of human events, I am afraid, mostly covered up in the welter of day-to-day kaleidoscopic happenings. The powerful messages which come forth from your work, on the other hand, should endure forever as a distillation of the yearnings of mankind in this era of its history.

I wish to express my appreciation, also, for the sympathetic understanding which you implied in the autograph which you so thoughtfully wrote on the flyleaf of the book. I shall treasure both as a source of inspiration and comfort.

Very sincerely yours,

Wayne Morse

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May 25,1966

Senator Wayne Morse,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Morse:

Your letter of May 17, in itself an answer, would not require additional acknowledgement. But it is for me a strong experience to get genuine attention from a man whom I deeply admire. To this experience allow me to give some expression.

Nobody knows, indeed, how justified your doubts about the future results of your endeavors are. But I believe that you as a character will live on in the memory of generations and your role in the history of our time will not be forgotten soon - provided that life on earth has a future. Then your name will become a synonym of heroic efforts for righteousness in politics, for devotion to both your country and mankind.

Thus I am happy to know that my works, done in loneliness and almost hopeless opposition to the ruling trend of today, appeal to Mrs. Morse and you. It would be great if both of you would one day distinguish us by your visit, my family, my works and myself. For the time being I ask you to accept a portfolio of my art (1960/61) that the publisher, Alinari, Florence, will send you. (The text is printed in three languages, so under US law it is customfree.)

Some years ago, I decided to give up teaching, research and writing books and to dedicate the rest of my life exclusively to art. Now, however, things I cannot leave unsaid force me to return to writing. It is an analysis of problems of our time and a search for solutions. I even don't know if I shall find a publisher, but I started this work. I feel you will agree with some of my ideas.

With my respectful greetings to Mrs. Morse, I am most sincerely yours

Otto Schneid

Dec.13,1966

Senator Wayne Morse,

Washington D.C.

Dear Senator Morse:

I am deeply sorry to read that you were in Toronto, even at a distance of a few blocks from my home, without visiting me. I wonder if your great concerns and goals made you forget so fast and so completely our ephemeral but meaningful correspondence. So I think of different explanations, also of the little known name of Downsview which is topographically a part of Toronto, separated from it just as a municipal and postal unit.

I am now neglecting my art and writing my newest book about which I would have been happy to speak to you. It is an analysis of our time and its problems, the philosophical, religious, ethical, social and last not least political ones. I see no easy solution. My way is that of painful sacrifice, but I believe it to be an alternative to the disaster of mankind and all life. You are more than mentioned there. I hope to finish the manuscript next spring .

With respectful greetings and wishes for Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

yours

Otto Schneid

March 18,1967

Senator Wayne Morse,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Morse:

I understand that you had no time to reply on my letter of Dec.13,1966.

I learn from the press that you will be in Toronto again on April 1st. This time I hope for the privilege of welcoming you.

May I ask you for the kindness of letting me know, by mail or by phone, when I may expect you?

Most sincerely yours

Otto Schneid

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United States Senate
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September 1, 1966

Professor Dr. Otto Schneid
48 Laurelcrest Avenue
Downsview, Ontario
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Dear Dr. Schneid:

The portfolio of reproductions of some of your paintings and sculptures has arrived safely. They are very beautiful indeed, and I appreciate your generosity in sending them to me, for they are among the most highly prized treasures in my library.

With all best wishes,

Cordially,

Wayne Morse

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